

**Worksheet 2: Limits and continuity**

**Exercise 1.** Find the domain of each function using interval notation

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 1. h(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{2-x}} & 2^*. h(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1-|x|}{2-|x|}} & 3^*. h(x) = \ln \ln \ln x \\
 4. h(x) = \frac{1}{\lfloor x \rfloor} & 5. h(x) = (1 + \ln x)^{\frac{1}{x}} & 6. h(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \\
 7. h(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x^2-1}{x^3-1}} & 8. h(x) = \ln(1 - \cos 2x) & 9. h(x) = \ln\left(\frac{2-|x|}{|x|-1}\right)
 \end{array}$$

**Exercise 2.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Determine for each function, (according to the values of  $a$ ) the domain of definition of

$$1. h_1(x) = \sqrt{a^2 - |x| + x^2} \quad 2. h_2(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1-ax}{1+ax}\right)$$

and study its parity

**Exercise 3.** Find the function  $f$  given by the following formula.

$$1. f(x-2) = \frac{1}{x+3}; x \neq 3 \quad 2. f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x^4 + 1 \quad 3. f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}; x \neq 0$$

**Exercise 4.** The function  $f$  is defined on the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ . Determine the set  $A$  on which the following composite functions can certainly be defined

$$1. h(x) = f(x^4) \quad 2. h(x) = f(\sin x) \quad 3. h(x) = f(x+3) \quad 4. h(x) = f(\ln x)$$

**Exercise 5.** Let the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given with the formula

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

Find the formula that gives the functions  $f_n$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$f_n = \underbrace{f \circ f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f}_n, n \geq 2$$

**Exercise 6.** Let

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$$

1. Show that  $f$  is a bijection and find its inverse function.
2. Using the basic definition of monotony, show that  $f$  is strictly increasing function

**Exercise 7.** Check whether the following functions are periodic; if yes, find their basic periods  $T$ , if any.

$$1. h(x) = \sin^2 x, x \in \mathbb{R} \quad 2. h(x) = \sin(x^2), x \in \mathbb{R} \quad 3. h(x) = \sin(|x|)$$

**Exercise 8.** Study the parity of

$$1. h(x) = \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3 \cos x} \quad 2. h(x) = \frac{\sin^2(2x) - \cos(3x)}{\tan x}, \quad 3. h(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

**Exercise 9.** Say if the following functions are periodic

$$1. h_1(x) = \cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + \cos(x) + \frac{1}{2}\cos(3x) + \frac{1}{3}\cos(5x), x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$2. h_2(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$3. h_3(x) = \sin(5x) + \cos(3x + 1), x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Exercise 10.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$  such that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) = f(x-1)f(x+1) \quad (0.1)$$

1. Show that  $f$  is a periodic function
2. Check that the functions  $x \mapsto e^{\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right)}$  and  $x \mapsto e^{\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right)}$  are solutions to the equation (0.1)
3. Try to another solution to equation (0.1)

**Exercise 11.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{|x| + 1}.$$

1. Show that  $f$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
2. Show that  $f$  is an odd function.

**Exercise 12.** Using the abstract definitions of limits, show that

$$\begin{array}{lll} \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (2x - 1) = 7 & \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3x - 1}{2x + 1} = \frac{3}{2} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{\sqrt[3]{x} + 1} = \frac{3}{2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a}, a > 0 & \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{4}{x + 3} = +\infty & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} - 1}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

**Exercise 13.** Let  $f : ]-a, a[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$  be a real function satisfying

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( f(x) + \frac{1}{f(x)} \right) = 2$$

Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$$

**Exercise 14.** Give an example of function  $f$  satisfying

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)f(2x) = 0$$

and the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist

**Exercise 15.** Show that the following limits do not exist

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(\ln x) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sin \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1}$$

**Exercise 16.** \*\* Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be periodic functions of periods  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = u \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = v \in \mathbb{R}^*$$

Compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f((3 + \sqrt{7})^n a)}{f((2 + \sqrt{2})^n b)}$$

**Exercise 17.** Let  $f$  a real function given by the following formula

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ x^2 + 1 & \text{if } -1 < x \leq 0 \\ \sin \frac{x}{4} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

1. Compute the following limits

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) & \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} f(x) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) & \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} f(x) \end{array}$$

2. What about

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} f(x)$$

**Exercise 18.** Compute the following limits

$$1. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^8 + 12x^6 + 3x^3}{x^7 + 4x^6 + x^5 + x^3} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{101} - 101x + 100}{x^2 - 2x + 1}$$

**Exercise 19.** Compute the following limits

$$\begin{aligned}
1. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x+2}-2} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt{8+x}-4}{\sqrt[3]{x}-2} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+x+1}-x-1}{x} \\
2. & \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{x-a}}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}, a > 0 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[n]{1+x}-1}{x}, n \in \mathbb{Z}^* \\
3^{**}. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[n]{1+ax} \cdot \sqrt[m]{1+bx}-1}{x} \text{ with } a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^*
\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 20.** Compute the following limits

$$\begin{aligned}
1. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(ax)}{\sin(bx)}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}^* \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sin(2x)\sin x} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \\
2. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(2x^3)-1}{\sin^6(2x)} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x\sin x}-\sqrt{\cos x}}, \\
3^{**}. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(a+2x)-2\cos(a+x)+\cos(a)}{x^2}, a \in \mathbb{R}^*
\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 21.** Compute the following limits

$$\begin{aligned}
1. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sin(\sqrt{x+1}-1)}{x}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x\sin x}-\sqrt{\cos x}} \\
2^{**}. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[m]{\cos(ax)}-\sqrt[n]{\cos(bx)}}{x^2}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}, m, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sin \sqrt{x+1}-\sin \sqrt{x},
\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 22.** Compute the following limits

$$1^{**}. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{a} \left[ \frac{b}{x} \right], b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \quad 2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left[ x - \frac{1}{x} \right] \quad 3^{**}. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\ln x]}{x} \quad 4. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\ln \sqrt{x}]}{x}$$

**Exercise 23.** Compute the following limits

$$\begin{aligned}
1. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( x^2 \left( 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \right) \right) \\
2^{**}. & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{2}{x} \right] + 3 \left[ \frac{3}{x} \right] + \dots + \left[ \frac{k}{x} \right] \right), k \in \mathbb{N}^*
\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 24.** \*\* Let  $a$  a real parameter and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + x + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ ax^3 + bx + 2 & \text{if } x < 1. \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity of  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$

**Exercise 25.** Let  $\lambda$  a real parameter and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-x} & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \sqrt{x^2 + \lambda x} & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 26.** \*\* Let  $a > 0$  a real parameter and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + x + \frac{1}{a} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ \frac{\sin ax}{x} + (x-a)[x] - \sqrt{x} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq a. \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 27.** \*\* Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{1+e^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity of this function on its domain of definition.

**Exercise 28.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity of this function on its domain of definition.

**Exercise 29.** \*\* Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{\frac{1}{x}} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ x^2 \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity of this function on its domain of definition.

**Exercise 30.** \*\* Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x\sqrt{x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 1 + \ln(1 + x^2) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity of this function on its domain of definition.

**Exercise 31.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined by :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\ln(1 + 2x^2)}{x} - 1 & x < 0 \\ b & x = 0 \\ x^2 + x - a & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Determine the real numbers  $a, b$  so that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ; in particular at the point  $x = 0$ .